AMENDMENT OF THE SEAMAN'S ACT OF 1915.

DECEMBER 27, 1920.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Scorr, from the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 12396.]

Your Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, having carefully considered H. R. 12396, report the same to the House with the following amendment, with the recommendation that as amended the same do pass:

Strike out all of sections 2a and 13a.

This leaves in the bill section 14a, the purpose of which is to limit, on the Great Lakes, the season of application of section 14 of the seaman's act, approved March 4, 1915. This amendment is peculiarly essential to the passenger service on the Great Lakes. The operation of the seaman's act has unavoidably resulted in confining the passenger service on the Great Lakes to the summer tourist trade. This amendment extends the provisions of the act so that the passenger service season may open on May 1 instead of May 15, and may close on October 15 instead of September 15, as now provided.